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Subject: For State/Review and Feedback: Draft Integrated Reporting Memo; Feedback requested by July 15

Importance: High

To: Watersheds Committee and Monitoring, Standards and Assessment Committee

EPA has shared its Draft 2016 Integrated Report (IR) Memo (accessible via the Dropbox link below) with ACWA for distribution to state water program personnel that work closely on the submission of your state's 303(d)/305(b) IR. ACWA previously circulated the draft portion that relates to the 303(d) Program Vision (#1 below), so that portion will likely look familiar to many of you.

Please see directions below on how to submit feedback – preferred by Wednesday, July 15.

Message from EPA:

EPA is pleased to provide for State review the Draft 2016 Integrated Report Memo. The memo addresses the following topics:

- 1) ***Implementation of the Clean Water Act 303(d) Program Vision*** (e.g., discuss long-term prioritization, clarify what is meant by alternative restoration approaches)
- 2) ***Continue identifying nutrient-impacted waters for the Section 303(d) list for States without numeric nutrient water quality criteria*** (e.g., discuss importance of continuing to work on this area and remind folks of the examples provided in the 2014 IR Memo)
- 3) ***Implementation of the Water Quality Framework: Assessment and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Tracking and Implementation System (ATTAINS)*** (e.g., discuss importance of state-scale statistical surveys, and the ATTAINS Redesign)
 - a. *Update to the variable portion of the FY 2017 CWA Section 106 grant allocation formula*
- 4) ***Clarification on the assessment and assignment of waters to Category 4C***

EPA appreciates the review and comments already provided by the States on the Vision section. In this draft, EPA attempts to address those earlier comments. Importantly, it seeks to address flexibility and accountability, as well as consistency with program requirements. EPA welcomes additional comments on the Vision section, as well as comments on the other sections of the memo.

How to submit feedback:

EPA asks that states please send any comments on the draft IR Memo (one set of comments per State, if possible) to Shera Reems at reems.shera@epa.gov with a copy to Susan Kirsch at skirsch@acwa-us.org by Wednesday, July 15th.

Dropbox link to download Draft IR Memo (Password: waterdrop):

https://www.dropbox.com/s/4swi6xbkf6l0d0c/Information%20for%20Integrated%20Reporting%20for%202016%20state%20review%20draft_June29.docx?dl=0

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